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## MEMORANDUM

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To: Acting Area Mining Supervisor, SRMA

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From: M. L. Millgate

U. S. Geological Survey  
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Subject: Mining Plan - PW-2, 3; The Anaconda Company

We have received the proposed mining and reclamation plan (enclosed) of the Anaconda Company for the PW-2, 3 mine project on the Laguna Pueblo. Although the operation is scheduled for but two years the plan as presented might be a bit abbreviated, consisting of three pages and a map.

If the plan is auxiliary in nature we must have access to the master plan in order to provide a review. If the plan is of the temporary type pending additional submittals or information, we should have access to the portions of additional information available.

As you know, information of a geologic nature is either not included or (on the map) not specific in the plan thus rendering a geologic review unnecessary. As before it is not in the best interests of the Geological Survey to request the office of the Area Geologist to provide geologic reports to justify a proponents plan where approval is certain or likely. Such a procedure places the Survey in the position of an active collaborator of industry rather than an objective manager of the Federal mineral estate.

It is my understanding that mining and exploration plan requirements are to follow generally the proposed manual release (623.5) until the release is promulgated. Presently, there would likely be some difficulty in regarding Anaconda's submittal as a mining and reclamation plan.



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It might be in the best interests of Anaconda and the United States for the Company to provide more information and to structure their plans more in accordance with the proposed manual release.



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